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Hi,

The strike of the students of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune (FTII) has now entered into the **64th** day. We have succeeded in asking some very pertinent and serious questions to the government and to the public at large, and questioning the powers that be on their commitment towards a serious and politically free ethos of education in our country.

This resistance continues to flourish not only because of the fortitude of the institute's students but also because of the support given to us by GraFTII and a whole host of students, filmmakers and people from all walks of life throughout the nation. Your support has been invaluable to our cause and continues to spur us on.

From the 15th to the 22nd of August we are organizing a **'Retracing/Reclaiming Freedom'** week in which we'll be organizing events and workshops from various artists, filmmakers, painters, writers to converge in our campus and engage and interact with the students and amongst themselves, whilst tracing the movement of the art and freedom of expression of our nation since independence.

We would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you for this festival, in particular for the **48 hour continuous film screening** that we will begin on the **15th of August, tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.** We will be tracing films right from the early years of the twentieth century to films from the Prabhat Studios, culminating in some films from contemporary times. We aspire to trace the genesis of the art and cinema of our nation, whilst also bringing to light the movement of our own cultures, values and people and questioning the very basic tenets of expression that our citizens have exercised. Our past will contextualize and re-frame our current crisis, and re-affirm faith that our space is worth fighting for. **Our resistance will now escalate to a new dimension**, and your presence as an ex-student would bolster our spirit immensely as well as bring you back to your Alma-mater to watch a series of films on campus again, an experience that we know you will cherish as much as us.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Warm Regards,

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Regards,
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